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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED PRESIDENT PRO TEM REID AND VICE MAYOR KAPLAN

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 1228 (REP. BALLINGER-ARKANSAS) RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, House Bill 1228 (Rep. Ballinger) in the State of Arkansas, is an Act to Enact The Religious Freedom Restoration Act to be known as Mary's Law, and to Provide Protection for Religious Practice and to Provide Remedies and Penalties for Violating or Abusing Religious Protections and to Declare an Emergency and For other (15) Purposes; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1228 (Rep. Ballinger) in the State of Arkansas, states that "a state action shall not substantially burden a person's right to exercise of religion, even if the substantial burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless it is demonstrated that applying the substantial burden to the person's exercise of religion in this particular instance: Is essential to further a compelling government interest; and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest"; and

WHEREAS, Opposing the new Arkansas (HB 1228) law, and any other similar law, which enables discrimination against oppressed persons and groups, including, but not limited to, opposing any law allowing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, and against religious minorities, and affirming that the right of all to practice our own religions, does not require allowing discrimination against others, in the true spirit of leadership and direction; so be it

RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of Oakland proclaims its opposition to House Bill 1228 (Rep. Ballinger) in the State of Arkansas.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California